# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COAL AND MINES
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3266
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DRAFT REHABILITATION SCHEME OF ECL
BASUDEB ACHARIA

**Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether a draft rehabilitation scheme for out- sourcing the job of transporting coal from quarries to the surface/ coal handling plants has been suggested ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for the less cost incurred by the private contractors for this operation against the very high costs incurred by the Eastern Coalfields Limited;

(d) whether direct transport from the face by the private contractors is permitted as per law ; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard ?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL & MINES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (c) : Yes, Sir. The Operating Agency appointed by the BIFR for suggesting revival measures for Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) has in its draft Rehabilitation Scheme suggested outsourcing in certain selected opencast mines because contractors` operation is more efficient. Moreover, their capital cost and overhead cost are less.

(d) & (e): Coal transport is proposed to be done by the ex-servicemen company sponsored by the Directorate General, Resettlement. There is no legal prohibition for transportation by contractor.